

GRUESOME HALL EXHIBIT IN COURT



WILLIE STEVENS and Henry Carpender, accused of having murdered the Rev. E. W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills four years ago, listened intently in court at Somerville, N. J., as the case against them was strengthened by two witnesses who partly corroborated the story of Mrs. Jane Gibson, the "pig woman." (Left to right) Attorney Nielson and Willie Stevens. Attorney Pfeiffer, with legs crossed, is sitting directly in front of Carpender, whose head only can be seen. All others around the table are attorneys for the defense.

Clothing of Slain Rector Identified by Detective

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on it, but nobody noticed them," he declared.

Collins was the first witness called, and it was at this time Simpson and Pfeiffer had their most sensational clash.

"I want to try and prove there were bloodstains on these garments," Simpson shouted, when Pfeiffer interrupted him, charging Collins's testimony was immaterial. A moment later Pfeiffer was asserting that Mrs. Hall often sent garments to Philadelphia through Mrs. Edwin Carpender, and Simpson was trying to yell him into silence.

Ex-Mail on Hand

While the witnesses were heard, one by one, Barbara Tough, former Hall maid, and confidante of the woman who is out on bail on charges of having slain her husband and his inamorata, sat at a counsel table, nervously drumming her fingers.

Ralph V. Gorsline, ready to be called to tell of his friendship with Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills, rested his long, lean frame against the courtroom wall. Other witnesses waited anxiously for their turn.

Courtroom Filled

The courtroom started to fill with flappers, grandmothers and morbidly curious men at 7.30 a. m. At 10.30, when Judge Cleary took his seat, hundreds had been turned away.

Dr. T. J. Leahy, coroner of Somerset county, was the first witness called, but he was not in the courtroom and Collins was called.

Simpson and McCarter clashed as soon as Collins took the stand.

"What did you report to Mr. David?" Simpson asked. A. I was informed by the cleaner that a tan coat and a woolen scarf were sent there to be dyed. I asked if there were any marks on the clothing. I was told there were no marks. I was also told that in a woolen scarf there might be bloodstains, but but they wouldn't show.

At this point Simpson produced the record taken at the original investigation by Prosecutor Toolan on Collins's return from Philadel-

phia and read into the record, as follows:—

Q. What did you report back to David? A. An old scarf and a coat were dyed and sent to E. W. Hall. The cost was \$6 for the coat and \$1.60 for the scarf. If the scarf was stained very much there would have been a record, but there was no stain on the scarf, according to the record at the cleaning office.

"Which is correct, the testimony given today on direct-examination, or is the old testimony complete?" Simpson continued.

McCarter protested, saying: "He made those statements four years ago and he cannot remember everything in the report, from A to Z."

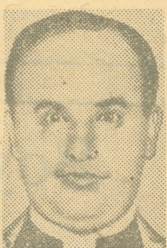
Refreshing Memory

"I am merely trying to refresh his memory," said the special prosecutor, "I am not trying to make him contradict any prior statements." Simpson turned again to the witness.

"Tell us all you remember in



George Totten



Rev. E. W. Hall

connection with your visit to Philadelphia," he said.

"I was informed that Mrs. Hall had never had anything dyed there before," he began.

Pfeiffer asked Collins whether he had inquired of the dyer if Mrs. Hall had ever sent anything through her cousin, Mrs. Edwin Carpender, to be dyed at the Borneo establishment. Simpson objected to the question, and Pfeiffer said to Judge Cleary:—

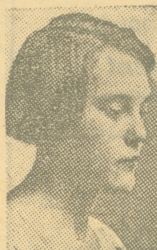
"I understand that Mrs. Hall sent articles to that establishment before through Mrs. Carpender, and I should be permitted to show this

to refute the prosecutor's implication. I am not stating this as a fact, but I am so informed."

David Called

Judge Cleary sustained Simpson's objection. Collins was then excused, and Detective David recalled.

David said that at the time Mrs. Hall sent the articles to Philadelphia to be dyed there were "at least four agencies" of dyeing establishments within eight blocks of the Hall home in New Brunswick, and that these were operated by firms in business a long time.



Pearl Bahmer



Alex. Simpson

Simpson then held up a pair of gold-rimmed eyeglasses, which he said were those found on Dr. Hall's body. David identified the eyeglasses.

"I am going to give you a chance to justify yourself, Mr. David," said Simpson. "The statement has been made that you rubbed these glasses with your thumb and declared that marks on them were not fingerprints, but bloodprints. Is that true?" A. No, sir, there never was a fingermark on them. It has always been a question in my mind if the spots were blood-spots or specks made by flies who had been drinking blood from the wound. Those spots were all on the glasses at the time.

Exhibits Clothing

The special prosecutor then introduced a large pasteboard box containing the clothing taken from the slain clergyman's body.

David identified a pair of black trousers, a black coat with a large bloodstain in the center of the back, a Panama hat, a pair of black low shoes, a pair of suspenders, one garter, a suit of underwear, a white turned-down collar, and a white bow tie, as having been taken from the body.

"There was another garter and a white shirt, but they are not here," David said.

Q. Are the cuff buttons there?

A. No.

Q. Was any application made to

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you to have them turned over to Mrs. Hall? A. Yes; Counsellor Hicks of New Brunswick came to me almost a year ago to see if they could be returned, and he asked me to get in touch with Totten & Beekman. He said Mrs. Hall was very anxious to get them back, as they were keepsakes.

Q. You didn't get them, did you? A. No.

Later Application

Q. Was any other application made? A. Yes, when Mr. Bowers was prosecutor in Somerset county.

Q. And the scarf that was around Mrs. Mills's face when she was found murdered isn't there? A. No.

Q. Were the garments delivered to Philadelphia by Mrs. Hall? A. I don't know.

Q. Were Dr. Hall's glasses broken when they came into your possession? A. No.

Q. Have they broken since they are in the possession of the state? A. Yes.

Q. Did you ascertain since the glasses were broken when they were broken? A. No.



Mrs. Eleanor Mills



Charlotte Mills

Dr. Long testified he was driven to the place where the bodies lay by Detective Totten and Sheriff Conklin. He was questioned with relation to the position of the bodies.

Q. Did you see any cuts on Mrs. Mills's face? A. Yes, she was cut.

Q. Where? A. The throat.

Q. Would you say it was done by a blunt or by a sharp instrument? A. Fairly sharp.

Shot Behind Ear

Q. How about Dr. Hall's body? A. He was shot, but at first I could

not notice it because the bullet penetrated back of his ear.

Q. Did you give the undertaker, Hubbard, a burial permit? A. I gave him a permit for removal of the bodies. I did not think, when I gave him the permit Sunday that Dr. Hall's body would be interred on Monday.

Q. When you found out the body had been interred did you do anything? A. Yes. I spoke to several people—the prosecutor on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning—and an autopsy was performed ten days later.

Q. Were you present at the autopsy? A. I was.

Q. Did you perform it? A. No.

Quizzed on Inquest

Q. Well, you were the county physician. A. Yes.

Q. Why not an inquest? Why didn't you call one? A. That would have to come from the prosecutor.

Q. Well, how about an autopsy? Why didn't you perform one? A. I handed my notes on the entire case to the prosecutor and awaited his call.

Q. Did you notice any abrasions on the bodies of either Dr. Hall or Mrs. Mills? A. Yes.

Q. Can you give an account of the abrasions? A. Mrs. Mills's right arm, from the shoulder to her wrist, was bruised, also the left elbow.

Q. Any marks on the face? A. I could not tell.

Q. Do you think it was possible to make those abrasions with the fingers? A. I don't know.

Q. Could they possibly have been made by a blow? A. I don't know.

Possible By Blow

Q. Do you care to express an opinion as to how they were made? A. Possibly by hand.

Q. Did you notice a knuckle broken in the hand of Dr. Hall? A. No.

Q. Were you present at the time identification of the bodies was made by William Stevens (at the Phillips farm)? A. I was present.

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